

friends, convinced him that to conduct a long range discussion by cable conveying the application of the principles which he had enunciated would prove cumbersome and unsatisfactory.

Spokesman for America.
This would apply also to cable exchanges with the American commission, who could not be expected to go abroad for the purpose of the President's views on all questions that might arise. This nation has long been prominent in the principles which are to form the basis of peace. The President believed it to be his duty as its spokesman to appear in person at this momentous conference and throw all the weight of his personal influence toward securing the ratification in the peace treaty itself.

Creel Will Be Member.
Great interest naturally attaches to the President's party. The nation's chief naval and military advisers are already in Europe. But the large force of secretaries, which, under the direction of Col. House, has for months been gathering data for the peace conference, is still here, and this force will accompany the President and assist him during the voyage.

Cannot Delegate His Powers.
The question as to how the country's business is to be transacted was plainly uppermost in the minds of many at the Capitol to-day when the President's plan became known. It is understood that he will not delegate his powers to any one in his absence, and that consequently many emergency bills which would require prompt and decisive action by the nation's head.

Feel Constitution Planted.
Certain leading Senators inclined to feel that while there was no inhibition in the Constitution against the President going abroad, such a trip was in itself a violation of the spirit of the Constitution, which placed the duties of the President in the hands of the President himself. It was felt that the President's absence abroad would be a blow to the confidence of the people in the President's ability to handle the affairs of the nation.

Conference Also Unprecedented.
Senator Smith (Ga.): "Our course is a most unusual one. The conference is the most unusual and important ever held. I am gratified that the President will be present. I believe his influence will be most valuable and contribute to the future welfare of the countries of the world as well as to that of the United States which is the leading nation of the world."

Other Rulers Are Expected.
The presence of other rulers at the gathering is looked upon in diplomatic circles as a foregone conclusion. But these rulers, unlike the President, are not expected to take an active part in the deliberations, the President being the real spokesman.

showing abroad, and it is expected will review some of the American troops. The belief is generally entertained that the League of Nations idea will be incorporated in a separate treaty that will emanate from the peace conference, but doubt as to the practicability of this idea is beginning to be widespread. Many Senators who were first rather taken with the idea have later convinced themselves of its impracticability. They regard realization as absolutely impossible.

AMPLE ARTILLERY ON WAY TO RHINE
Major-Gen. Dickman's Force Includes 30 Regiments of Red Cords.

By RAYMOND G. CARROLL.
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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, NOV. 18.—Before nightfall Sunday the American troops were well upon their way to Luxembourg. All the divisions assigned to the American Third Army under Major-Gen. Dickman have made records in the fighting in France, but their selection for this duty is not accounted for, for there are other divisions which have done equally well and are to get a well earned rest. Besides taking along the artillery that goes with each of the nine divisions the Sixth Artillery Brigade was included. (A Brigade of artillery is composed of three regiments.)

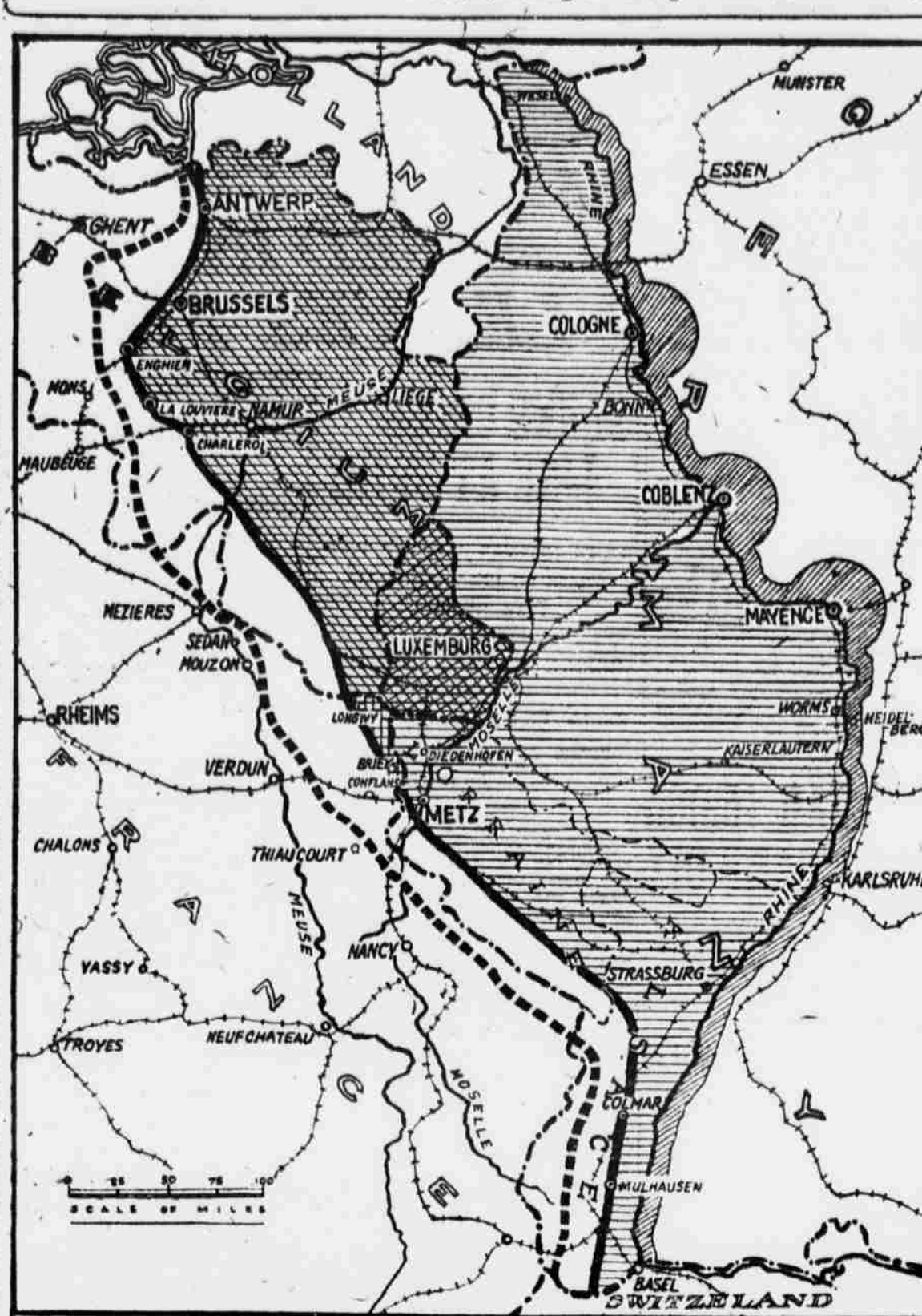
Were Impressed at Louppy.
All of these men certainly carried horses, for it was by the greatest luck that they, with others, two aviators and three Second Lieutenants, an numbering 305 altogether, were the first American prisoners to get back into our lines. Their narrative summarized is that they were sent in small batches from various points of the front. The German prisoners at Louppy on French soil. When the number in camp reached 200 trucks were loaded with the Americans, and they were sent to the front.

Overseer a Brutal Sergeant.
Their camp overseer was a brutal Prussian sergeant whom they nicknamed "Ludendorff" and a drunken Saxon. He spoke English. Private Kaestner told me: "As I spoke German they nominated me as interpreter. Many German soldiers were taken to the camp, and I saw them. When I explained that although I was of German race, both my father and myself were born in America, they let me alone about being German."

Will Rejoice Their Divisions.
Private Conrad N. Church, a reporter for the Detroit News, attached to the headquarters of the First Army, told of getting observations with officers and getting out of the camp. He was one of the fortunate, saying that the party walked only sixty kilometers to reach our lines. He said the Germans did nothing for them in showing them the way, but among forty released French prisoners who came along were two who were provided with maps.

Next Sunday Is Father's Day
Did Will Get the Real News of Non's Great Victory.
PARIS, Nov. 18.—The Stars and Stripes, the organ of the American Expeditionary Force, has arranged for November 24 as the day upon which all American citizens shall write home to father.

Where the Allied Armies Are Advancing in Belgium and Germany



THE heavy line formed of black squares marks the position of the opposing armies when the armistice was signed. The shaded area represents the territory to be surrendered by Germany and which will be black line which forms the border of the occupied during the next few days by allied soldiers.

JUNKERS SCHEMING TO SEIZE REPUBLIC

Defeated Pan-Germans Hope to Regain Power Lost in War.
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LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at The Hague sends a dispatch saying there is evidence that a German plot is afoot to establish a great German republic, including Holland, despite the fact that 75 per cent. of the Dutch population is opposed to the scheme.

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BRYCE SAYS ENEMY APPROVED MASSACRE

Charges Protests of Missionaries Were Ignored.
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LONDON, Nov. 18.—Viscount Bryce writes to the Times: "German missionaries in Asiatic Turkey did their utmost during the Armenian massacre of 1915 to save the victims by appealing in the strongest terms to the German Government to interpose and to require the Turks to desist from the appalling massacres which were being perpetrated."

22,000,000 SOLDIERS CONVEYED; 4,391 LOST
British transports Carried 120,000,000 Tons of Stores.
LONDON, Nov. 18.—During the war the British Admiralty transported over 22,000,000 soldiers, and more than 120,000,000 tons of naval and military stores and more than 1,000,000 animals also were transported.

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NEED NEW RULERS, SAYS NORTHCLIFFE

Certain Government Members Must Go, Is Comment on Lloyd George.
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LONDON, Nov. 18.—Lord Northcliffe declares that certain members of the present British Government must go. His Daily Mail, commenting on Lloyd George's policy of social reform, outlined Saturday as the coalition platform in the coming election, says the British public now insists on being assured that words mean deeds. The paper intimates that some of the politicians now in power must disappear, and that the policy that is to save Great Britain from the kind of revolution that is now going on all over Europe must be drastic.

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YANKS CROSS BRIEF LINE INTO LORRAINE

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when they finished the concert with the "Marsellaise." Late Sunday afternoon the advance columns of the Second Division started forward from Montmedy to make room for additional units coming on from the west. Two sixteen inch cannon which were turned over to the Americans at Spincourt on Saturday were guns used by the Germans to shell the Verdun region. Forty-two guns of various calibres were turned over.

Hopes to Forget War.
Upon reaching the outskirts of Spincourt they were met by a lone German Lieutenant who spoke English. After saying he was glad to see them and expressing his relief that his responsibility was past, the German said: "I am damn glad the war is over." He added: "I hope my troubles are over for a while. I hope to forget all about guns and war and battleships forever."

Legion Leads Way Into Lorraine.
By the Associated Press.
WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN LORRAINE, Nov. 18.—French troops made their first entry into recovered Lorraine to-day and were welcomed by the population that gathered in the towns and villages to meet them.

Coldest Night of the Autumn.
The quarter of a million men of Major-Gen. Dickman's American Army of Occupation, which is the official designation of the force, struggled into their blankets during the coldest night of the season. The roads were frozen and a heavily clouded sky added to the dreariness of the field of operations, but despite the weather conditions the men were cheerful and the scene presented from the heights overlooking the area was one of the most spectacular of the war.

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ARMED HANDS SURROUND CITY

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GERMANS BUSILY LOOT ON RETREAT

Troops Take Cattle, Wagons and Huge Quantity of Civilian Property.

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WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, NOV. 18.—The Germans are taking a great quantity of civilian property—herds of cattle, crates of chickens, wagons, household articles and innumerable vehicles—in their withdrawal. It is the assertion of two American airmen taken prisoner near Sedan, who crossed by way of Sedan to the American lines.

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